वर्तमान सड़क मार्गों का समुचित विकास और विस्तार किया जाना।

1088. श्री राम चेटमालानी: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में वर्तमान सड़क मार्गों के समुचित विकास और विस्तार के लिए आगामी वर्षों में 2,53,000 करोड़ रु. की आवश्यकता होने का अनुमान है;

(ख) इस संबंध में सरकार का क्या आकलन है कि देश में कितनी लम्बी सड़कों की दशा सुधारने तथा कितनी नई सड़कें बनाने की आवश्यकता है;

(ग) क्या इस आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कोई कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी॰ जी॰ वेंकटरामन): (क) और (ख) यह मंत्रालय मुख्यतया केवल राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास और रख-रखाव के लिए जिम्मेदार है। अन्य सड़कों के विकास की जिम्मेदारी संबंधित राज्य सरकारों के अधिकार क्षेत्र में आती है। जहां तक राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का संबंध है, यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि मौजूदा राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नेटवर्क की कमियों को दूर करने के लिए 1.4.96 की स्थिति के अनुसार (1996 मूल्य स्तर पर) लगभग 75,000 करोड़ रु. की आवश्यकता पड़ेगी। तथापि, संसाधनों के अति अभाव के कारण, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नेटवर्क के विस्तार के लिए इस प्रकार का आकलन नहीं किया गया है।

(ग) और (घ) अपर्याप्त बजटीय संसाधनों को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास और रख-रखाव कार्य में निजी क्षेत्र को शामिल करने के लिए उपाय किए हैं। राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास में निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी को सुकर बनाने के लिए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग अधिनियम, 1956 में पहले ही संशोधन किया जा चुका है।

Blocking of Srinagar-Leh Road

1089. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Srinagar-Leh Road gets blocked regularly every year due to snowfall;

(b) whether such situation cuts off the districts of Leh and Kargil from rest of the country from administrative point of view every year.

(c) whether such situation has been overcome in several other countries by application of various sophisticated equipments;

(d) whether Government propose to make use of same equipments in Srinagar-Leh Road; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU); (a) and (b) Srinagar-Leh Road runs through high altitude areas and snowfall is *i* normal feature in the winter months. Due to low temperature, blizzards and intensive avalanche activity, certain stretches in the districts of Leh and Kargil are closed to traffic for varying durations every year.

(c) to (e) Snow clearance is a major issue in some of the western countries. Srinagar-Leh Road is maintained by the Border Road Organisation **(BRO)** and the cost of maintenance is quite high. The BRO are equipped to carry out snow clearing tasks.

Renovation of Textile Mills in Maharashtra

1090. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Textile mills in Maharashtra which are under the National Textile Corporation;

(b) whether Government have any plan to renovate any of these mills; and

(c) if so, the detailsd thereof indicating the financial involvement of the Central Government therein?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Threre are 35 mills of National Textile Corporation in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) Government had approved a Revised Turn Around Strategy based on the revival plans prepared by Textile Research Associations. An amount of Rs. 790.35 crores is proposed to be invested on the modernisation of 22 NTC Mills in the State of Maharashtra. The funds required are expected to be raised entirely out of sale of surplus lands and assets of NTC mills. Since NTC (MN) and NTC (SM)

have been referred to the BIFR, the modernisation plan has been placed before the BIFR for their approval before implementation.

Jurisdiction of military courts

1091. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that military courts have not yet been brought under appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) The Constitution of India does not provide for an appeal in the Supreme Court against the finding or sentence or proceedings of a court martial held under die Army Act, the Navy Act or the Air Force Act, as the case may be. Under Article 136(2) of the Constitution, no special leave of appeal lies against any judgement, determination, sentence or order in any case or matter passed by any court or tribunal constituted by or any law relating to the Armed Forces. This is in keeping with the provisions of Article 33 of the Constitution of India, which recognises the overriding and paramount significance of maintenance of discipline among members of the Armed Forces to ensure proper discharge of their duties. However, an individual aggrieved by an order of any court or tribunal constituted by or any law relating to the Armed Forces may move the Supreme Court or any of the High Courts through a writ petition on the grounds of violation of any Fundamental Rights or the Principles of Natural Justice.

Status paper on benefit of Irrigation projects

1092. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether status paper showing the physical benefits and financial progress of major and medium irrigation project in Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe areas have been prepared; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Central Water Commission has prepared a status report on irrigation development under Tribal Sub Plan through Major and Medium projects. However, no specific plans for irrigation in scheduled caste areas have been chalked out, since these areas are not segregated and form a part of general social structure which get benefited through the general schemes.

Statement

Major and Medium irrigation projects covered under Tribal Sub Plan (Including pre tribal sub plan)

Sl.No	Items	Unit	Achievements
1.	Total Projects (Major & Medium)	Nos.	261
2.	Latest estimated cost	Crore Rs.	13387.88
3.	Expenditure to the end of 3/92	Crore Rs.	4542.95
4.	8th Plan Outlay	Crore Rs.	3271.86
5.	Expenditure 1992-93	Crore Rs.	400.133
6.	Expenditure 1993-94	Crore Rs.	436.24
7.	Anticipated expenditure 1994-95	Crore Rs.	420.21
8.	Approved by working Group of Planning	Crore Rs.	569.69
9.	Irrigation potential Ultimate Area	Thousand ha.	5766.321
10.	Irrigation potential TSP Area	Thousand ha.	1890.173
11.	Benefit to end of 1991-92 (Potential/Utilised)	Thousand ha.	2516.5/1825.334
12.	8th Plan target 1992—97 (Potential/Utilised)	Thousand ha.	1339.561/895.41
13.	Actual benefits 1992-93 (Potential/Utilised)	Thousand ha.	72.975/87.223
14.	Actual benefits 1993-94 (Potential/Utilised)	Thousand ha.	61.49/103.04
15.	Benefit during 1994-95 anticipated (Potential/	Thousand ha.	101.85/83.27
16.	Benefit during 1995-% target (Potential/ Utilised)	Thousand ha.	112.815/102.737